

English 10 Personal Writing Assignment

Draft for Peer Input is Due Monday, September 29, 2014

Final Draft is Due Tuesday, September 30, 2014

During this personal essay unit, we have engaged with pieces by E. B. White, Bill Cosby, Rudolfo A. Anaya, and Nicholas Gage. Use these texts as models for your own personal essay. Your writing should be about an experience in your life and the meaning that it has for you or the lesson that you learned from it.

Whatever your choice, you should engage in the writing process: drafting, rewriting/revising, editing, and polishing.

Pay attention to any ideas that occur to you and record them, ponder them, and add more details prior to making a decision about your writing expression. Follow the idea that excites you most and use your strengths.

As a writer, consider these questions:

- What is meaningful to me?
- What is my purpose?
- Who is my audience?
- What voice/tone should I use to convey my ideas?
- How should I organize the ideas?
- Do I need to cite sources? (Am I the source of all the information/ideas?)

Format:

- Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced
- As long or as short as necessary to communicate the experience clearly (1-1/2 pages?)
- Minimum Writing Expectations for NMPS:
 - All sentences must begin with a capital letter and end with appropriate punctuation
 - Complete sentences
 - Correct spelling on final draft
- Use effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequencing
 - Engage and orient the reader by setting out a situation or establishing a point of view
 - Use narrative techniques as appropriate: dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection
 - Use precise words and phrases, details, and sensory language
 - Provide a conclusion that reflects on the most important aspect of the piece

Submit your final draft with the scoring rubric: Narrative Based on Personal Experience.

Scoring:

4 = 90-100

3 = 80-90

2 = 70-80

1 = 60-70